

- ii. a plurality of side flaps with ends, the side flaps extending sufficiently to secure around the sides of an iron placed within the liner and structured to define a plurality of heat release vents to allow heat to escape from a hot iron placed in the cover for storage, and
- b. securing means associated with ends of the side flaps to secure them around the iron.

2. (original) An iron cover according to Claim 1, including an abrasion resistant cover attached to and covering the heat resistant liner.

3. (original) An iron cover comprising:

- a. a non-transmitting heat resistant liner having:
  - i. a padded bottom segment shaped to cover and protect a sole of an iron placed thereon from marring or damage, and
  - iii. a plurality of side flaps with ends, the side flaps extending sufficiently to secure around the sides of an iron placed within the liner and structured to define a plurality of heat release vents to allow heat to escape from a hot iron placed in the cover for storage,
- b. securing means associated with ends of the side flaps to secure them around the iron, and
- c. an abrasion resistant cover attached to and covering the heat resistant liner.

4. (original) An iron according to Claim 3, wherein the liner has a cross shape having arms and the body, the flaps formed of the arms, and the padded body segment formed of the body.

5. (original) An iron cover comprising:

- a. a flexible non-transmitting heat resistant liner with:
  - 1. a central body segment padded and sized to cover and protect the sole of an iron and
  - 2. a plurality of side flaps extending sufficiently to be secured around the sides of an iron placed within the liner,
- b. securing means associated with ends of the side flaps to secure them around the iron, the side flaps structured and separated to define heat release vents to allow heat to escape from a hot iron placed in the cover for storage,
- c. a flexible abrasion resistant cover attached to and covering the heat resistant liner, and
- d. an openable strap storage system with attachment ends to secure the cover about the iron, and power cords therebetween when the ends are folded back upon themselves.

6. (original) An iron cover according to Claim 5, wherein the cover is shaped in the form of a cross having arms forming the side flaps and the body of the cross forming the central body segment.

7. (original) An iron cover according to Claim 5, wherein the securing means comprises an elastic cord associated with the side flaps.

8. (currently amended) An iron cover according to Claim 1, wherein the plurality of heat release vents comprise the side flaps with their ends secured together around the sides of the iron to define a heat release vent to direct heat for release through the top of the exposed portions of the iron, comprising:

- a. a non-transmitting heat resistant liner having:

- i. a padded bottom segment shaped to cover and protect a sole of an iron placed thereon from marring or damage, and
- ii. a plurality of side flaps with ends, the side flaps extending sufficiently to secure around the sides of an iron placed within the liner to allow heat to escape from a hot iron placed in the cover for storage, and
- b. securing means associated with ends of the side flaps to secure them around the iron.

9. (currently amended) An iron cover according to claim 8, wherein the iron cover is shaped to accommodate a conventional angle iron having a pointed end and the securing means comprise an elastic cord ~~securing the ends of the side flaps to form a heat release vent opening which is expandable for iron insertion or removal from the iron cover, and contractible to secure the flap ends around the iron for storage.~~

10. (currently amended) An iron cover according to Claim 89, wherein the side flaps are separated to define a plurality of side vents to allow heat to escape through the sides of the cover as well as through the top of the exposed portions of the iron.

Claims 11-17 (cancelled).

#### REMARKS

The First Office Action dated December 12, 2005 has been reviewed and the following is submitted in response thereto.

1. The attached declaration provides written consent of all assignees owning an undivided interest in the patent. The objection under 37 CFR 1.172(a) should therefore be withdrawn.

2. The original letters patent accompanies this First Amendment. The objection under 37 CFR 1.178 should therefore be withdrawn.

3. Substitute sheets of the original formal patent drawings are submitted eliminating the proposed renumbered elements 22a from re-issue Figs. 1, 2, and 4 referred to in the cancelled

new material contained in col. 4, lines 39-50. The rejection under 37 CFR 1.173(b) (3) should therefore be withdrawn.

4. A new reissue declaration identifying at least one error which is relied upon the support the reissue application accompanies this First Amendment. Consequently, the rejection of Claims 1-17 under 35 USC 251 should be withdrawn.

5. Col. 4, lines 39-15 of the specification has been cancelled. The objection under 35 USC 132(a) should therefore be withdrawn.

6. Added Claim 8 was amended to eliminate the requirement of the side vents to release heat through the exposed the top part of the iron as shown in Fig. 2 and described in column 2, lines 34-39. Column 2, lines 34-39 describes how the expandable side flaps are secured together to extend sufficiently around the sides of the iron to secure the iron cover there around with draw strings or other securing means:

“Attached to the padded bottom are [sic] a plurality of side flaps also covered by a heat resistant liner. The side flaps are expandably secured together to extend sufficiently around the sides of the iron to secure the iron cover there around with draw strings or other securing means.”

Thus, the exposed uncovered upper segments of the iron are used to dissipate heat without the need for side flaps. Consequently a new Claim 8 following the wording of the original Claim 1 was added deleting its limiting language of the original claims: “and structured to define a plurality of heat release vents”. The added Claim 8 is therefore supported by the specification, drawings, and claims, and adds no new subject matter. The rejection of Added Claim 8, as amended, under 35 USC 112 should therefore be withdrawn.

7. Added Claim 9, dependent upon Added Claim 8, is directed to a cover with the shape of a conventional iron having a pointed end is based on the language of column 3, lines 41-44 language:

“Other iron cover shapes may be employed as long as they are sufficient to cover the sole of the iron to protect it from dirt, scratches, dents or other impact damage, which mar the iron sole surface.”

The 35 USC 112 rejection of Added Claim 9, as amended, should therefore also be withdrawn.

8. Added Claim 10, dependent upon Added Claim 9 is directed to a cover shaped to accommodate a conventional angle iron having a pointed end with side flaps defining side vents, which is supported by the language of column 2, lines 39-43:

“Each side flap is separated and structured when folded about the iron to define side heat release vents there between to allow heat to escape from the cooling hot iron placed therein for storage.”

The 35 USC 112 rejection of Added Claim 9, as amended, should therefore also be withdrawn/

9. Added Claims 11-17 drawn to new matter were cancelled.

In view of the above amendments, Claims 1 through 10, as amended, should therefore be approved for issuance. If additional amendments are required, a telephonic discussion with the Examiner is requested.

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I certify that I mailed a true and correct copy of the foregoing First Amendment, postage prepaid, to Examiner David T. Fidei on behalf of the Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of January 2006.

